

Appl. No. 09/558,945
Amdt. dated June 6, 2003
Reply to Office Action of May 8, 2003

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-45 were pending in this application. The Office Action dated May 8, 2003, required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-27 and 36-45; or

Group II: Claims 28-35.

Applicant elects claims 1-27 and 36-45 (Group I) for prosecution in this application without prejudice. Claims 28-35 (Group II) have accordingly been withdrawn from this application. Applicant retains the right to present claims 28-35 in a divisional application.

Claims 1, 36, and 43 from elected Group I have been amended to correct typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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